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IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE THE 2000 NM MISSILE IMPACT AREA FOR THE KAPUSTIN YAR/VLADIMIROVKA MISSILE TEST CENTER, A SEARCH OF AVAILABLE KEYHOLE PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE AREA OF BRATSK, USSR WAS MADE. NO IDENTIFIABLE FEATURES OF AN IMPACT AREA, I.E., CRATERS, INSTRUMENTATION SITES OR SUPPORT FACILITY WERE NOTED. HOWEVER, THE SEARCH REVEALED THE EXISTENCE OF 24 RECTANGULAR CLEARINGS IN A DENSE FOREST APPROXIMATELY 55 NM NW OF BRATSK. THESE CLEARINGS, EACH APPROXIMATELY 1,300 BY 300 FEET IN SIZE AND OF VARIOUS ORIENTATIONS, ARE MOSTLY SITUATED ON RIDGES. SEVERAL OF THE CLEARINGS CONTAIN A 40-50 FOOT SQUARE PREPARED AREA, SUITABLE FOR A HELICOPTER PAD, AND A FEW SMALL STRUCTURES. ALL OF THE CLEARINGS WERE PRESENT IN

THE DATE OF THE EARLIEST KEYHOLE COVERAGE,

AND NO APPARENT CHANGE IS NOTED IN ANY OF THE CLEARINGS ON INTERMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHY TO DATE.

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